

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are all the claims pending in the application and stand rejected. Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the references cited with the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 27, 2005, accepting the formal drawings, and acknowledging the claim for foreign priority.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,526,581 (hereinafter, "Edson") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0078990 (hereinafter, "Lee") and in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0026393 (hereinafter, "Skladman") and in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,091,515 (hereinafter, "Kimura"). Applicant traverses this rejection for the following reasons.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a fax machine connected to the home network through a power switch and a telephone line.

In the rejection, the Examiner contends:

Regarding claim 1, Edson discloses, a fax service system in a home network (col. 8, lines 33-37, col. 15, lines 52-58).
a storage means for storing fax data (Fig. 2, el. 107 and 111; col. 9, lines 8-14)
a fax machine (col. 8, lines 32-37) connected to the home network through a gateway (col. 7, lines 44-47) and a telephone line (Fig. 1, el. 21).

In response, Applicant submits the Examiner fails to allege, and Edson fails to disclose, a fax machine connected to the home network through a power switch and a telephone line. As illustrated in the Examiner's comments above, the Examiner merely contends that Edson discloses that the fax machine is connected to the home network via a gateway and a telephone line. However, this fails to meet the "power switch" feature of claim 1. Moreover, Edson

clearly discloses that the telephone 32 (alleged fax machine) is connected to the network 11 through twisted pair telephone wiring 21. (col. 7, lines 40-43; Fig. 1). Furthermore, this single connection via the telephone wiring 21 is the only connection to the network disclosed in Edson. Therefore, Edson fails to disclose a fax machine connected to the home network through a power switch and a telephone line.

Additionally, the Examiner has failed to allege, and neither Lee, Skladman nor Kimura disclose any fax machine connected to the home network through a power switch and a telephone line. Consequently, because none of the applied references disclose this feature, even if combined as suggested by the Examiner, the suggested combination fails to disclose all the features of claim 1.

Thus, Applicant submits claim 1 is allowable for at least this reason. Additionally, because claims 6 and 11 recite a feature similar to the feature argued above with regard to claim 1, Applicant submits claim 6 is allowable for the same reasons set forth above. Further, Applicant submits claims 2-5, 7-10 and 12-17 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency from claims 1 or 6.

New Claims

Applicant also adds new claims 18-20 by this Amendment and submits these claims are allowable, at least by virtue of their dependency.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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